

Vital Statistics Information Box

PLACE OF BIRTH FOR MIDWIFE ASSISTED BIRTHS BRITISH COLUMBIA, 2006-2010

The College of Midwives of British Columbia was established in 1995, and the first midwives were registered to practice in 1998. The Vital Statistics Agency implemented procedures to identify births delivered by registered midwives in 1998, and, by 1999, could identify all midwife assisted births. The table below shows the place of birth for midwife assisted births in the province from 2006 to 2010.

Place of Birth	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hospital	1,760	74.1	2,053	75.6	2,509	76.2	2,944	75.9	3,394	77.3
Home	223	9.4	647	23.8	726	22.18	856	22.1	913	20.8
Other & unknown*	393	16.5	16	0.6	57	1.7	77	2.0	86	2.0
Midwife Assisted Births	2,376	100.0	2,716	100.0	3,292	100.0	3,877	100.0	4,393	100.0
Percent of Total Births Delivered by Registered Midwives		5.7		6.2		7.5		8.6		10.1

Note: *Other and unknown includes birthing clinics.